



# Preferred Species Trees

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## Tree Species Categories

Pursuant to Section 25-10 (*Preferred Species Trees*) of the Belmont Tree Ordinance, preferred species trees include: 1) principal native trees, as defined in the Tree Ordinance; and 2) native or locally acclimated tree species designated as preferred species trees by the City Manager (in consultation with the City Arborist).

An applicant may also request that the City Manager designate a native or locally acclimated tree as a preferred species tree. The City Manager has discretion whether to approve or deny this request. The City Manager's decision is final.

## Other Criteria

Numerous tree species fall within the broad categories identified above. The City Arborist was consulted to provide further refinements to the list. The trees selected are generally known to:

- Perform well in Belmont
- Have a favorable root structure
- Be more disease and pest resistant

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The Preferred Species Trees for the City of Belmont are provided in the Tables 1 and 2 below. General information on the approximate tree size at maturity (small, medium and large), and guidance on appropriate planting locations for each size tree is provided after the tables.

**Table 1 – Preferred Species Trees (Principal Native Trees for Belmont)**

| Common Name  | Size at Maturity |
|--|------------------|
| California Buckeye   | Medium – Large   |
| Madrone  | Medium – Large   |
| Coast Live Oak   | Large            |
| Valley Oak   | Large            |
| Coast Redwood  | Large            |
| California Bay Laurel  | Large            |
| Sources: California Native Plant Society Website – <a href="http://calscape.org">Http://calscape.org</a> & City Arborist |                  |



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**Table 2 – Preferred Species Trees (Native & Locally-Acclimated Trees)**

| Common Name  | Size at Maturity |
|--|------------------|
| Creek Dogwood  | Small            |
| Hollyleaf Cherry   | Small            |
| Standard Photinia  | Small            |
| Tristania Laurina  | Small            |
| Crape Myrtle   | Small            |
| Strawberry Tree  | Small            |
| Eastern Redbud   | Small            |
| Crabapple  | Small            |
| Trident Maple  | Small            |
| Saratoga Laurel  | Small            |
| Amur Maple   | Small            |
| Flowering Plum   | Small            |
| Ornamental Pear  | Small            |
| Russett Magnolia   | Small            |
| Chinese Flame Tree   | Small            |
| Blue Elderberry  | Small – Medium   |
| Ornamental Pear  | Medium           |
| Alder  | Medium           |
| Pacific Madrone  | Medium           |
| Canyon Live Oak  | Medium           |
| Victorian Box  | Medium           |
| Chinese Pistache   | Medium           |
| Jacaranda  | Medium           |
| Holly  | Medium           |
| Saucer Magnolia  | Medium           |
| Blue Oak   | Medium – Large   |
| Monterey Cyprus  | Large            |
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**Table 2 (continued) – Preferred Species Trees (Native & Locally-Acclimated Trees)**

| Common Name  | Size at Maturity |
|--|------------------|
| California Black Oak   | Large            |
| Oregon White Oak   | Large            |
| London Plane (Columbia)  | Large            |
| Douglas Fir  | Large            |
| Interior Live Oak  | Large            |
| Big Leaf Maple   | Large            |
| Ginkgo   | Large            |
| Red Flowering Horsechestnut  | Large            |
| Atlas Cedar  | Large            |
| Deodar Cedar   | Large            |
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## Tree Size & Planting Locations

General information on the approximate tree size at maturity (small, medium and large), and guidance on appropriate planting locations for each size tree is provided below.

### Small Trees

- 15 to 25 feet tall at maturity
- Appropriate for sites with overhead wires, narrow sidewalks, overhanging buildings or where views need to be preserved
- The planting of small trees puts eye-catching greenery at street level

### Medium Trees

- 25 to 35 feet at maturity
- Appropriate for sites with no overhead wires and walkways that are wide enough for half the natural spread of the tree
- Medium sized trees create a visual separation between the street and the building



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## Large Trees

- Over 35 feet at maturity
- Appropriate for sites with wide areas and no overhead wires
- Large trees usually create a high, shady canopy over the property and building

**For more information on specific trees click on: <http://selecttree.calpoly.edu/>**